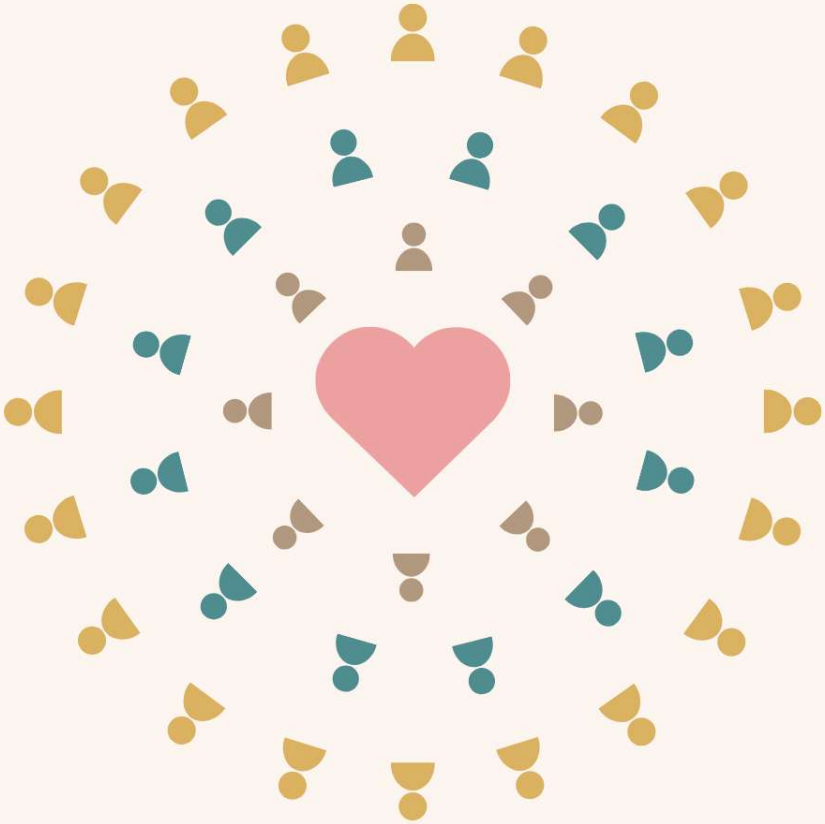


BE KNOWN · BE STILL · BE LOVE

I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another just as I have loved you.

JOHN 13:34

November 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Xan Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *O Savior, Precious Savior* Healey Willan
(1880-1968, English Canadian)

***OPENING PRAYER** Gretchen Sanewsky

***HYMN #102** (see insert) *Now Thank We All Our God* *NUN DANKET*

***RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 121 Gretchen Sanewsky

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills– from where will my help come?
Many: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved, and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Many: It is the Lord who watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
One: So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
Many: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

***GLORIA** (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM *In Thee, O Lord* Jane Marshall
Ben Findlan, guest conductor

In thee, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
In thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
Incline thine ear to me and save me!
Be thou to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for thou art my rock and my fortress.

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 15:25-30 Rev. Dr. Theodore Turman

One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *They'll Know We Are Christians (refrain)* *ST. BRENDAN*

TIME AS CHILDREN Xan Morgan
(Children in 6th grade and younger come forward. Following Time as Children, kids will go to Children's Ministry. Grown-ups will pick up kids from their classrooms after worship.)

STEWARDSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Through the Stewardship Season, we'll engage with the theme during worship. Today's theme is Be Love. As we sing verses 1 through 3 of They Will Know We Are Christians, we invite you to gather in a circle around the edge of the Sanctuary.

SERMON *Learning the Wrong Lesson* Rev. Dr. Theodore Turman

SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (see insert; vv. 1,2,4,6) *The Servant Song*
(Collecting of prayer cards) *SERVANT SONG*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Xan Morgan
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" – hymnal page 896)

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION Amanda Shutko

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Xan Morgan

OFFERING OF GIFTS *Lord, Here Am I* Andrea Klouse
Ben Findlan, guest conductor

Master, You call and this I reply, ready and willing, Lord; Here am I;
I'll obey if You will but lead, You call, O Lord, here am I.
Yet as mortal unworthy, unworthy, bring me again in the light.
Monarch and scepter shall bow at Your name;
Nation to nation Your truth shall proclaim.
Father, Creator, Redeemer in one;
Now and forever not my will, yet Thine be done!
Master, You call and this I reply, ready and willing, Lord; Here am I;
I'll obey if You will but lead, You call, O Lord, here am I.

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *OLD 100TH*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Xan Morgan

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Xan Morgan

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

***HYMN** (see insert) *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* *BEECHER*

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Theodore Turman

POSTLUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Donald Hustad
(1918-2013, American)

*Please stand in body or spirit

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in gratitude for family in all its variations.

~ Elli Barron ~

We pray for the family and friends of **Larry Greenfield**. We also pray for **David Robbins, Noreen Wolcott, Grange Burnside, Jon VanderVliet, Mary Margaret Hatt, Erica Diels, Marilyn McKenzie, Keith Pickelmann, Marlene Francis, Roberta Hause, Mervyn Juchartz, Esther Floyd, Marilyn Marsh, Helga Mortensen, Cindy Okarski, Greg DuBois, Keith Maurer,** and **Beth Granberry.**

We welcome Rev. Dr. Theodore Turman to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Turman is President of Ecumenical Theological Seminary and the founding pastor of Lighthouse City Church in Detroit. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Tuskegee University and his Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Raised in the historic Second Baptist Church of Detroit and baptized by his pastor and father, Dr. Turman was active in numerous ministries. He was licensed to preach the gospel at Second in 2005 and was ordained there in 2011. Dr. Turman is a Board Certified Chaplain and has served both Atlanta and Detroit in numerous roles within the church and healthcare chaplaincy. In 2020, Dr. Turman earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Boston University School of Theology. He is married to the former Akilah Fatima Dozier, and they are the proud parents of Gavin Christopher Turman.

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.

Join us downstairs after worship for fellowship time. We'd love to connect!

Children's Ministry. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant through 3 years) upstairs. All children in 6th grade and younger, leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. Please pick up your children (4 yrs through 6th grade) after worship to join you for Fellowship Time. There is supervised play upstairs in the Play Space for families who choose to stay for adult formation. If you are visiting and would like more information about Children's Ministry, please connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Youth Group. All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join the youth group on Sundays. We gather in the Youth Room from 11:30a-12:30p for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. **On December 20, let's celebrate the season together by heading to Kerrytown for the Artisan's Market and treats.** We'll leave right after church and return to church at the end of Adult Formation (11:15a - 12:30p). Church will provide the treats, but bring your pennies to buy that last-minute, artistic, token of love for someone special (like your mom) if you

like. For more information, contact Pastor Laura (laura@fbca2.org) or Robbie Stapleton (robbiestapleton@gmail.com).

Adult Formation. Join us at 11:30a TODAY in the Lounge to hear from Dr. Turman about what's happening at Ecumenical Theological Seminary. Located in Detroit, ETS provides a multi-confessional Christian theological education within an urban context. ETS is one of the many local ministry partners we support.

Next week we continue our study centered on Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's book *How We Learn to Be Brave*. We'll gather to discuss decisive moments in life when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. Our reading schedule is as follows:

- November 15 - Chapters 4 and 5
- November 22 - Chapters 6 and 7, Epilogue

The Young-ish Adult Group, designed for anyone who considers themselves in a young adult stage of life (roughly 20s-40s+), is taking a hiatus until the new year. During this time, we encourage ongoing connection through attending fellowship time and engaging in the adult formation hour, where we will also get to know our wonderful new Pastor through her teachings and discussions. Please direct any questions to Jamie Mills (jamie.mills08@yahoo.com), Valerie Francia (valerie1francia@gmail.com), or Meg Suell (meghansuell@gmail.com).

Holiday Collection for the Hikone Community. For over 17 years we have collected food, hygiene, and household supplies for our friends in the Hikone housing community, one of the sites of Community Action Network. The December school vacation is very tough on low-income families because children are not in school to receive their breakfast and lunch so more food is needed at home. And as you are aware, prices keep rising for basic household and hygiene supplies which are not covered by the Bridge card (SNAP benefits). The families at Hikone are so grateful because your donations help stretch their limited budgets so that there may be extra funds in which to buy gifts and special foods for the holidays.

This year we will receive your donations on November 15, 22, 29 and December 6. We are providing for 30 families so please consider donating multiples of the same item and please donate individual family sized quantities (e.g. 3-4 regular size jars of pasta sauce rather than one giant jar; 4 regular-size boxes of pasta rather than a giant bag, etc,)

- **Kid-friendly foods**: cereal, oatmeal, canned pasta, mac-and-cheese, chili, peanut butter, soup, tuna, granola and protein bars, fruit cups, yogurt pouches, etc.
- **Food and hygiene supplies that aren't commonly available in the food pantries:** baking soda, baking powder, spices, sugar, cooking oil (32 oz), shampoo, razors, menstrual products, etc.
- **Financial donations:** Your financial donations are so important! We purchase items throughout the year when they are on sale. We already have thirty 100 oz. containers of laundry detergent, 30 packages of toilet paper, 30 bottles of toilet cleaner and dish detergent, 30 boxes of garbage bags, etc. Your financial donations cover these purchases which in 2025 cost over $3000.
- **New or Gently used books for children and youth:** These are highly valued by the families to use as holiday gifts.

Bring your food and household donations each Sunday. Please mail your financial donation to the church before December 1 or place it in the offering plate with a notation it is for Hikone. (Please address the check and envelope to Sue Ellen Glover, First Baptist Church, 517 E Washington, Ann Arbor 48104)

We need all donations by December 6 in order to sort, box, and deliver to Hikone on December 15.

Thank you for your continued generosity!! Sue Ellen (gloverse@hotmail.com)

Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Time. Hosting fellowship time is a fun, low-pressure way for families and individuals to serve! Many of our volunteers love getting to catch up with and meet members during the time after church. We especially need volunteers as we head into the end of the year and the holiday season. Sign up at fbca2.org/connect or email Christine Hwang (christinehw3@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

The Gathering our campus ministry, is a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. We are on hiatus until next semester. We will be seeking a day and time to meet next semester that works for interested students. If you're a student curious about participating, contact Pastor Laura for more details!

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study. Anyone is welcome to join our Bible Study from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Lounge. Pastor Laura will lead a discussion of the lectionary readings for the Sunday in two weeks.

Friday, November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance. You are invited to a vigil to remember and honor the transgender people, gender-variant individuals, and those perceived to be transgender who have been murdered this past year. The vigil is hosted by local churches and will be held next door at First United Methodist from 12:15-12:45p. We will learn a bit about the history of Trans Day of Remembrance, pray, name aloud those who have died this year, and end with a benediction of hope. For more information, please connect with Pastor Laura (laura@fbca2.org) or Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas! Come decorate the sanctuary for the season on Sunday, November 22nd after formation hour (12:30-1:15p). We'll provide some pizza to give us an energy boost and then we'll get to hanging garlands, putting up the Christmas trees, setting up the Advent wreath, and more!

Countdown to Christmas! We look forward to gathering together on Sunday, November 29th from 4-6 pm for Countdown to Christmas, our annual intergenerational Advent event. We'll enjoy a catered meal from Fed Up Ministries and create together in preparation for Christmas. RSVP here by Sunday, November 22nd! We are looking for volunteers to staff each station, join the kitchen team, and help with setup and cleanup. Please contact one of our coordinators, Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org) or Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu).

You are invited to Tea with Pastor Laura! Let's share our stories of life and faith over a cup of tea! Meet up at your favorite coffee shop, visit in the FBCA2 office, or gather in your home. To sign up, go to the link at fbca2.org/connect and find a time that works for you on the calendar. When you sign up, please let Pastor Laura know where you'd like to meet.

Contribution Statements. You can access your contribution statements anytime on your Servant Keeper profile. If you need help setting up or accessing your profile, please reach out to Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu). Third quarter statements are available. If you would like a hard copy sent in the mail, please let the church office know.

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinaabe people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.

2027 Stewardship Season: Be Known. Be Still. Be Love.

Throughout the season, you can make your 2027 pledge commitment online at fbca2.org/connect or with the hard copy pledge card that available from the office or received in the mail. We look forward to meaningful moments in worship and to sharing more information in all our regular communication channels. Our Budget Committee has set a pledge goal of raising $493,081 (6.5% increase of our 2026 pledged giving) based on the ministry budget requests made by our seven boards. The Stewardship Team will also be sharing one-time gift opportunities (see below) each Sunday that highlight our ministry goals in the new year. These gifts provide an opportunity to give in 2026 for the 2027 ministry budget. Feel free to connect with members of the Stewardship Team - Pastor Laura, Amanda Shutko, Martin Magers, Robbie Stapleton, Toni Burton, Valerie Francia, and Xan Morgan - at any time! Copies of the 2026 Financial Report (originally shared in January) are at a Ministry Station in the hallway if you'd like one. Kat Becker (office@fbca2.org), our office admin can email you an electronic copy as well. Specific questions about the budget, can be directed to our Budget Committee chair, Bill Foster (wm.foster1201@gmail.com).

One-Time Gift: Today, the Stewardship Team invites you to make a one-time "Solidarity Spark" gift ($180) as we celebrate the theme, Be Love. This donation is in honor of our commitment to care for our neighbors - folks experiencing homelessness, those empowered by the nonprofits we support, and our neighbors in Nicaragua who are in need of clean water. Our 2027 ministry budget proposal includes financial support for 18 nonprofits. This donation will be made in 2026 and go towards our 2027 operating budget. You can make your donation with a check/cash and place it in the plate at the doors or through PayPal, using the QR code below. We ask that one-time donations be made by the end of our Stewardship season, November 15th.

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Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code.

Calendar

November 8	Worship Service @10:00a
November 10	Budget Committee @7:00p (Zoom)
November 11	Bible Study @1:00
	Evening Bible Study @7:00p
November 12	Choir Rehearsal @7:30p
November 15	Worship Service @10:00a
November 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance @12:15p at First United Methodist Church
November 22	Worship Service @10:00a
	Hanging of the Greens @12:30p
November 29	Countdown to Christmas @4:00pm

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